

## **REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of December 7, 2005. Applicant hereby request for a three month extension of time and has submitted the appropriate fee. Please charge our deposit account 01-1960 if any further fees are required in connection with the consideration of this amendment.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 8. At this time, and in order to more rapidly obtain an issued patent, Applicant has elected to rewrite Claims 6 and 8 as independent claims, incorporating the subject matter of base claim 1 and any intervening claims, while considering a continuation application directed to alternative definitions of the applicant's invention.

An replacement sheet containing Figure 6 is attached hereto in conformance with the Examiner's request that certain elements be explicitly shown in the drawings.

Based on the attached amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Claims 6 and 8 are in patentable condition and earnestly solicits a timely Notice of Allowance. Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would further this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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